

**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
Thursday, August 12, 2010**

The Pavilion, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344

I. Call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parliamentarian Mike Kabo.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Board Members present:

Dave Beauvais, President	Brad Smith, Vice-President
Brandon Schindelheim, Treasurer	Jerry Askew, Business
David Bereznick, Member-at-Large	Julie Carson, Member-at-Large
Alexia Cirino, Faith-Based Groups	Jett M. Dunlap, Member-at-Large
Twinkle Khurana, Students	Sally Kolstad, Education
Joel M. Lyle, Member-at-Large	Eric Mansker, Homeowners
Michael L. Phillips, Member-at-Large	Robert Stevens, Member-at-Large

Fourteen of the 19 Board Members were present and four Board seats were vacant at this time. A quorum is 12 or more, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Sean Rivas arrived later. Also attending: approximately 15 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Bonnie Bursk (excused); Arthur Daush (excused); Adam Platts (unexcused); and Ross Turmell (excused).

III. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Beauvais explained that Secretary Sean Rivas was unable to attend at this time; he suggested and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the Minutes until the September [9th] General Board Meeting.

[The following Motion was made after the Item #8 Outreach Committee Report.]

MOTION (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Brad Smith): to POSTPONE approval of the Minutes until the September 9th General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Public Comment

Diana Shaw, 38th State Assembly District Candidate (661-367-2434; www.ElectDianaShaw.com), introduced herself.

Mark Reed, 27th Congressional District Candidate (818.353.8777; www.MarkReedForCongress.com), introduced himself. Mr. Beauvais described that the City Attorney opined that NCs cannot allow candidate statements because of the appearance of "a tacit endorsement," however, they can introduce themselves.

V. Community Speakers: (1) D.O.N.E. – Amelia Herrera-Robles; (2) Council District 12 – Semee Park (3) LAPD – Dario Del Core
Amelia Herrera-Robles, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-473-6451; Amelia.Herrera-Robles@lacity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), was unable to attend this Meeting.

Rosalba Gonzalez, Representative for State Assembly 40th District Member Bob Blumenfield (818-904-3840; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a40/default.aspx>), introduced herself. Assembly Bill 256, the Mobile Billboards Bill, “will give authority to cities to regulate mobile billboards.”

Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Semee.Park@lacity.org), distributed a “Utility User’s Tax Exemption/Electric & Water Lifeline Rate Application” and announced that senior citizens assistance is also available. August 18th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the PAL Center at Wilbur Ave. and Parthenia St., a DWP ballot measure will be discussed. The CD12 Office is asking NCs “to help identify sidewalks” with $\frac{3}{4}$ ” or more separations that need grinding.

Dario Del Core, LAPD Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officer (818-756-9011, x1727, cell 818-634-0577; 27286@lapd.lacity.org), distributed a “Devonshire Area 7 Day Crime View” and “Profile” flyer, and a “Crime Prevention Bureau” brochure and reported that there’ll be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Euphrasia Church. Crime hotspots include Petit Park, Northridge Mall, and Lassen St. and DeSoto Ave. “Notices have been sent out” regarding the three boarding homes identified in Granada Hills . . . [A] medical marijuana business was shut down . . . [They] lost the jail at the Devonshire Station.” Officers also “do parole checks.” There’ll be an Open House “toward the end of October.” He encouraged reporting crime to them, even if there’s a small chance of retrieving stolen items. Mr. Beauvais noted that pawn shops are limited by the land use Specific Plan. Mr. Askew added that a “prolific graffiti-er” was arrested.

VI. Officer Reports

President [This Officer report was presented after the Vice-President Report.] Mr. Beauvais announced a Yard Party August 14th at 5:00 for the Old Granada Hills Residents Group and friends. He reminded Board Members who haven’t done so to complete the DONE Ethics Training (213-485-1360; <http://ethics.LACity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>). He was appointed to the Oakridge Estates Park Advisory Board. The Estate, now owned by the City, was actor Jack Oakie’s. The City will restore the house and turn the yard “into park land . . . and use it for weddings, meetings, retreats, etc.” Also, GHSNC General Board Meetings will be held here “at the Pavilion for the rest of the year.”

Vice-President

[This Officer report was presented after the Treasurer Report.] Brad Smith reported that the Northridge Community Plan is being updated; their northern boundary is the GHSNC southern boundary. He encouraged input about it and will report more when it's available.

Treasurer

[This Officer report was presented first.] Mr. Schindelheim reported that DONE is allowing only one P-Card (Purchase Card) per NC; he and Mr. Rivas will be authorized to use the card. Mr. Beauvais noted that the Executive Board agreed with that.

Secretary

Mr. Rivas was not present at this time and there was no report.

VII. Board Issues & Updates

1. Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions and bank statement.

Mr. Schindelheim said that there was no report for now; he's working on it.

2. Discussion and possible Board action [see below Motion].

Mr. Beauvais noted that the event may be held at Fire Station 87 or the Recreation Center and that last year Mr. Stevens helped secure, through the Masons, fingerprinting for children. The money would be for safety masks, gloves, water, clean wipes and more.

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim): The GHSNC supports the 3rd annual North Valley Disaster Preparedness Day, Oct. 2, 2010, in an amount up to \$750.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais noted that "this is for purchase of items that wouldn't otherwise be available through City agencies . . . Last year [the GHSNC] allocated \$1,000."

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; Ms. Cirino and Ms. Khurana abstained.

3. Presentation by Ron Smith, Kiwanis Club, followed by discussion and possible Board Action to fund American Flags.

Ron Smith, Kiwanis Club Past President, showed a video and noted that the Club installed 58 American flags on Chatsworth Street every year for Independence Day. He's asking the GHSNC "to partner in this . . . project . . . [It costs] \$15 per year per flag." The Club maintains, fixes and stores flags as needed.

Mr. Rivas arrived at this time.

MOTION (by Mr. Bereznick, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The GHSNC partners with the Kiwanis Club by allocating \$870 to display flags on Chatsworth Ave. during the next year.

DISCUSSION: Ron Smith promised that the flags will be displayed no matter what happens. Mr. Schindelheim reported that there's around \$9,500 available in the Community Improvement Budget this year.

AMENDED MOTION (by Ms. Carson and seconded): The GHSNC partners with the Kiwanis Club by allocating \$500 to display flags on Chatsworth Ave. during the next year.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Carson supports displaying the flags and wants to ensure that there's enough money for other community projects.

AMENDED MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with six in favor and seven opposed.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dunlap was concerned regarding exactly how the funds would be used. Ron Smith added that flag brackets cost \$45 each, flags cost \$14 each, wind can damage or displace flags and most Kiwanis Club projects are for children. Mr. Schindelheim noted that the GHSNC won't use most of the budget rent money this year; "there's a lot of room for reallocation."

MAIN MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with nine in favor, one opposed and three abstained.

4. Discussion and possible Board action [see below Motion].

Mr. Bereznick described a demonstration of a working City sidewalk-grinding machine. It's used "to increase safety in the neighborhood." Mr. Askew believed it's a "good outreach opportunity." Mr. Stevens noted that grinding more than $\frac{3}{4}$ " "could cause sidewalk failure." Ms. Park indicated that CD12 is "looking for additional funding sources." Mr. Beauvais suggested to "put an interactive map on the [GHSNC] website . . . [with] a pdf [computer file] of the form . . . [so that a Stakeholder can] mail it in or bring it to a Meeting." Mr. Stevens added that five to eight addresses per day can be worked on.

MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Lyle): The GHSNC appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to identify hazardous sidewalks suitable for grinding in the GHSNC area.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

5. Discussion and possible Board action to procure storage space.

Ms. Carson reported that the City Attorney said that NCs "need to get [NC material] out of" Board Members' homes and into storage spaces as soon as

possible. She's gotten storage space estimates of \$70-\$95 per month. The storage must be within the GHSNC boundaries. Mr. Mansker encouraged supporting local businesses. Ms. Carson recommended to "send this back to Committee."

MOTION to REFER (by Ms. Carson): The GHSNC refers the procurement of storage space to the Outreach Committee for further discussion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Beauvais requested that Mr. Rivas and the Outreach Committee report on this to the next [September 9th] General Board Meeting.

6. Discussion and possible Board action [see below Motion].

Brad Smith introduced Julie Howelman, Granada Hills Charter High School Development Director, who described School renovation projects and work. She displayed slides showing the Quad was "solid dust and solid dirt." Students wrote proposals costing around \$90,000 and using real grass; most construction is completed.

MOTION (by Brad Smith, seconded by Mr. Mansker): The GHSNC supports the Granada Hills Charter High School Quad renovation with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$4,800.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Howelman described that "outside surrounding areas . . . need to be finished . . . re-concreted in patches . . . [They're] under budget . . . Reserve" funds exist that aren't meant for construction. Ms. Carson "would like to see a lesser amount" since the School has reserve funds. Brad Smith clarified that the reserve funds are for capital improvements, not this kind of project; it's an opportunity to do something good for the community and the GHSNC can be "a good neighbor . . . The School has been extremely financially responsible . . . This is something [the GHSNC] can point to." The Grant forms have been completed. Mr. Rivas was concerned that other community organizations also want funding.

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Ms. Carson): The GHSNC supports the Granada Hills Charter High School Quad renovation with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$2,400.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED to allocate \$2,400. The hand vote was nine in favor and one opposed; Brad Smith recused himself from voting.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: Ms. Howelman said she'll ask other NCs for funding, and observed that "students and other community members . . . use the Quad from [6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.] . . . [They] don't get any [public] money to maintain the School." Mr. Askew voiced that this is Granada Hills' own community High

School. Brad Smith explained that he recused himself from voting “because he has a child attending the School.”

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Askew, seconded by Mr. Smith): The GHSNC supports the Granada Hills Charter High School Quad renovation with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$3,600.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais pointed out that it’s not necessary for Brad Smith to recuse himself from voting because there’s no direct personal benefit to Brad Smith from this Motion.

AMENDED MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with four in favor, six opposed and three abstained.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Mansker explained to Ms. Howelman that the GHSNC wants to support the School but is concerned because the NC lost its rollover funds this year.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Schindelheim).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with nine in favor, none opposed and three abstained.

7. Discussion and possible Board action to add an alternative posting location due to a change in the Granada Hills Library hours.
Mr. Beauvais explained that the Library is now closed on Mondays, when GHSNC General Board Meetings Agendas are usually posted. He proposed also posting at the Starbucks at Lindley Ave. and Chatsworth St.; Starbucks okayed it.

MOTION (by Mr. Beauvais and seconded): The GHSNC will also post its Meeting Agendas at the Starbucks at Lindley Ave. and Chatsworth St.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

VIII. Committee Reports

Planning & Land Use Committee (Jerry Askew)

Discussion and possible Board action [see below Motion].

Mr. Askew reported that T-Mobile proposed installing a 45’ cell tower at San Fernando Mission Blvd. and Zelzah Ave. The Committee prefers a 70’ tower on a nearby public right-of-way sidewalk to “a 45’ pole looking directly into a resident’s home.” There was extensive discussion regarding Regency’s knowledge about the tower.

MOTION (by the Committee):

Whereas Synergy, representing T-Mobile, originally planned to install a 45' Public Right of Way (PROW) pole near residential properties at Zelzah and San Fernando Mission.

Whereas Synergy has submitted a new plan to install a 70' PROW stealth pole (18" diameter with simulated wood covering with no external cables or antennas) alongside the Regency Granada Village Center on Zelzah.

GHSNC prefers the newly proposed project as an alternative to the original location, subject to any opposition that may be raised by adjoining property owners.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; Mr. Bereznick opposed.

Outreach Committee (Sean Rivas)

Discussion and possible Board action [see below Motion].

Mr. Rivas reported on recent website viewing rates. There were 167 online votes. Recent movie attendance was around 150 people; there were 25 new e-mail sign-ups. He thanked Ms. Carson for "taking the lead" on the event.

MOTION (by the Committee): The GHSNC allocates funding of up to \$1,500 for a "Back to School" movie night on Sept. 11, 2010.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rivas noted that City Council District 12 will contribute \$1,000 if the GHSNC and Granada Hills North NC also contribute. Ms. Carson added that the GHNNC will help work the event but may not be able to allocate funding.

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Mansker, seconded by Mr. Askew): The GHSNC allocates funding of up to \$700 for a "Back to School" movie night on Sept. 11, 2010.

AMENDED MOTION FAILED with one in favor, five opposed and four abstained.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beauvais commented that "Sean did a great job" on this and in contacting CD12.

MAIN MOTION PASSED with seven in favor, two opposed and one abstained.

Ms. Cirino had to leave at this time.

Mr. Rivas announced that the Committee will meet the first Thursday and he'll e-mail Board Members.

Public Safety Committee

Board Confirmation of appointment of Bob Stevens as Committee Chair.

Mr. Beauvais explained that he'd like to appoint Mr. Stevens as Committee Chair.

MOTION (by Brad Smith and seconded): The GHSNC appoints Bob Stevens as Public Safety Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

IX. Board Member Comments and Announcements

Mr. Lyle was pleased about the sidewalk repairs. Mr. Rivas will request Agendizing a reimbursement regarding the Granada Hills North NC. Mr. Mansker pointed out that the NC needs to discuss Christmas tree lights installation.

X. Agenda Items for next General & Committee Meetings

This Item was combined with the above Item.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION (by Ms. Carson, seconded by Ms. Kolstad): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Beauvais declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:04 p.m.